

EVALUATION GUIDED READING

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There was enough opportunity to ask questions		X			
The workload was reasonable		X			

2. COURSE MATERIALS AND TOPICS ADDRESSED

- What was the most enjoyable topic?

The discussions of the texts/sources

- What was the most boring topic?

Student Presentations (there were too many, in my opinion)

- What was the most difficult topic?

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2. COURSE MATERIALS AND TOPICS ADDRESSED

- What was the most enjoyable topic?

I think there's now a very good presentation on the GDR

- What was the most boring topic?

- What was the most difficult topic?

The second World War

Nationality conflicts

Transformation because there few book from that are written by historians, but by economists or sociologists

- Which topics, if any, would you add to the seminar?

international relations in and of Eastern Europe, the Comecon, the economic relations between the so called West and the east european countries.

3. TEACHING AND FEEDBACK

- Please check how you experienced the following teaching tools

	Revealing	Instructive, and you might want to use them more	Less appropriate
Reading task and feedback			
Use of primary sources			
Individual presentations		many very good presentations	
Division of class in different working groups		Some persons dominate in groups	
Discussion set-ups			

- How did you experience the explanations and comments that I gave during class?

- How did you experience the mid-term feedback on your assignments and remarks?

4. DO YOU STILL HAVE OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS?

It would be better if the presentations would be fixed at the beginning of the course (Einteilg der Referate zu Beginn des Semesters wäre gut)

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2. COURSE MATERIALS AND TOPICS ADDRESSED

- What was the most enjoyable topic?

Saugetiere im 2. WK.; Die Gruppenarbeiten
fand ich wirklich super, es war eine spannende,

- What was the most boring topic?

abwechslungsreiche Lern-
erfahrung und kann auf
jeden Fall öfter in LV
gemacht werden.

- What was the most difficult topic?

- Which topics, if any, would you add to the seminar?

Vielleicht könnte man auch den Kalten Krieg mit der USA einbeziehen können;

3. TEACHING AND FEEDBACK

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Reading task and feedback		x	
Use of primary sources		x	
Individual presentations		x	
Division of class in different working groups	x		
Discussion set-ups		x	

- How did you experience the explanations and comments that I gave during class?

Waren sehr gut und aufschlussreich und auch aus einem anderen Blickwinkel, was sehr interessant war und ich kann viel aus d. Vorlesungen

- How did you experience the mid-term feedback on your assignments and remarks?
 Found ich wirklich sehr gut; man ist sich dann im Klare wo man ungefähr steht und man kann so daraus lernen.

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There was enough opportunity to ask questions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The workload was reasonable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. COURSE MATERIALS AND TOPICS ADDRESSED

- What was the most enjoyable topic?

Stalinismus, viel über die „Schuldenketten“ der SU gelernt

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Discussion set-ups	X		

- How did you experience the explanations and comments that I gave during class?

Meistens war es sehr lehrreich, manchmal habe ich aber nicht verstanden was genau gemeint ist.

- How did you experience the mid-term feedback on your assignments and remarks?

Es war sehr gut ein Feedback zu bekommen, um zu wissen, wo man steht.

4. DO YOU STILL HAVE OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS?

Es war ein sehr interessantes Guided Reading, dass ich empfehlen würde. Einen Verbesserungsvorschlag habe ich: etwas mehr Struktur und Klarheit bei z.B.

Hausaufgaben.
Vielen Dank!

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2. COURSE MATERIALS AND TOPICS ADDRESSED

- What was the most enjoyable topic?

Kommunismus in Polen

- What was the most boring topic?

Es waren alle interessant

- What was the most difficult topic?

- Which topics, if any, would you add to the seminar?

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Division of class in different working groups			X
Discussion set-ups	X		

- How did you experience the explanations and comments that I gave during class?

ok

- How did you experience the mid-term feedback on your assignments and remarks?

~~Wurde~~ NICHT SO Gut

4. DO YOU STILL HAVE OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS?

- Interessante Themen waren gegeben
- Teilweise war der Kurs verwirrend

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- Yugoslavia

- What was the most boring topic?

- Revolution in Russia 1917

- What was the most difficult topic?

- Which topics, if any, would you add to the seminar?

- The development after 89

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Use of primary sources	X		
Individual presentations	X		
Division of class in different working groups			X
Discussion set-ups	X		

- How did you experience the explanations and comments that I gave during class?

- Good

- How did you experience the mid-term feedback on your assignments and remarks?

- I was glad to get feedback, but it came a bit too late and the marking was a bit too strict in my opinion.

4. DO YOU STILL HAVE OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS?

- Very interesting topic, I liked the different sides, like books, movies, etc. But like I already said, the critics were very harsh, considering that a lot of people are only in their 2nd semester...

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2. COURSE MATERIALS AND TOPICS ADDRESSED

- What was the most enjoyable topic?

Diskussionen über die Filme (Schindlers List, Der Pianist)

- What was the most boring topic?

Meiner Meinung nach gibt es keine Themen die so langweilig war

- What was the most difficult topic?

Kommunismus in Jugoslawien

- Which topics, if any, would you add to the seminar?

Vielleicht mehr über die anderen Länder der Sowjetunion, nicht "nur" die Satellitenstaaten

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- How did you experience the explanations and comments that I gave during class?

Sie waren sehr hilfreich, detailliert, und historisch wichtig

- How did you experience the mid-term feedback on your assignments and remarks?

große Hilfe für die spätere Hausarbeiten, nicht nur für diese Vorlesung, sondern auch für andere Lehrveranstaltungen

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how ex-soviet countries came into being / part of USSR → after WWII
transformation

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- What was the most difficult topic?

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- How did you experience the explanations and comments that I gave during class?

good, however, you did not give a lot of information regarding ~~the~~ homeworks -
never know exactly what to do

- How did you experience the mid-term feedback on your assignments and remarks?

good, clear, insights corresponded with my presuppositions

4. DO YOU STILL HAVE OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS?

group works/discussion → could be designed in a more interesting
& motivating way

the Organization sometimes appeared to be a bit poor - ~~it was~~ a clear
Structure was hardly observable, or at least not transparent
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enough for me to follow

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2. Weltkrieg und die verschiedenen Darstellungen der Länder dazugehörig

- What was the most boring topic?

Kommunismus

- What was the most difficult topic?

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- How did you experience the explanations and comments that I gave during class?

Verständlich und hilfreich

- How did you experience the mid-term feedback on your assignments and remarks?

Besser wäre es, den Zwischenstand früher zu besprechen, ansonsten sehr hilfreich

4. DO YOU STILL HAVE OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS?

Zu viele Zettel (Anwesenheit, Präsentationen, Diskussionen usw...)
Zeitmanagement !!

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Filme ~~waren~~ waren eine gute Ergänzung zu den Themen

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2. WK

- What was the most boring topic?

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- What was the most difficult topic?

Abschlussarbeit

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Use of primary sources ??			
Individual presentations			X
Division of class in different working groups		X	
Discussion set-ups	X		

- How did you experience the explanations and comments that I gave during class?

~~Sehr~~ Sehr aufschlussreich.

- How did you experience the mid-term feedback on your assignments and remarks?

Als zuvorkommend und interessant.

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2. COURSE MATERIALS AND TOPICS ADDRESSED

- What was the most enjoyable topic?

Poland during the war

- What was the most boring topic?

The Baltics

- What was the most difficult topic?

Comparison between Russia and Poland

- Which topics, if any, would you add to the seminar?

The fall and demise of the USSR

3. TEACHING AND FEEDBACK

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Use of primary sources	x		
Individual presentations			x
Division of class in different working groups		x	
Discussion set-ups	x		

- How did you experience the explanations and comments that I gave during class?

Very profound, yet at the same time not loaded enough

- How did you experience the mid-term feedback on your assignments and remarks?

informative

4. DO YOU STILL HAVE OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS?

Please include more compact reading material or split it up more, as the periods/amount of time was a bit short at times. Additionally please include some additional material for those interested.

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- What was the most enjoyable topic?

CZ & Poland between the wars

- What was the most boring topic?

- What was the most difficult topic?

War in Yugoslavia

- Which topics, if any, would you add to the seminar?

earlier developments in Yugoslavia

3. TEACHING AND FEEDBACK

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Use of primary sources		X	
Individual presentations	X		
Division of class in different working groups	X		
Discussion set-ups	X		

- How did you experience the explanations and comments that I gave during class?

rather informative

- How did you experience the mid-term feedback on your assignments and remarks?

some very good advices and suggestions, in my opinion a bit too focused on formal issues

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Ingoslawienkrieg

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- How did you experience the explanations and comments that I gave during class?

- How did you experience the mid-term feedback on your assignments and remarks?

Useful!

4. DO YOU STILL HAVE OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS?

The course could have been better organized concerning the indication of the presentations. It is not necessary to have a poster around a sheet for people signing who haven't presented yet \Rightarrow better one sheet with an indication of ~~the~~ presentation dates at the beginning of the term.

Concerning the presentations: I regard it

Thank you very much for your collaboration! as a better method of ~~learning~~ ^{learning} if one has to read articles and discusses them in the next session than to do individual presentations which are sometimes unstructured and less informative (of course it's necessary to produce presentations however ~~the~~ as much more content can be transported by the other method as presentations take much time of the course). Moreover it's extremely difficult to follow a presentation without having much background knowledge (in my case: I did this course to gain more information as I didn't know so much about East-European ~~systems~~ ^{the} \rightarrow

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- How did you experience the explanations and comments that I gave during class?

- How did you experience the mid-term feedback on your assignments and remarks?

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- What was the most boring topic?

die Anfänge

- What was the most difficult topic?

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- What was the most enjoyable topic?

Russische Revolution

- What was the most boring topic?

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- What was the most difficult topic?

Russische Revolution

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Dear students,

Below you find a short list of questions to evaluate this course. I would like to ask you to answer these questions honestly and individually, so that your answers will be helpful in determining the future shape of the course materials and the organization of my teaching. Please do not sign with your name, as this evaluation is anonymous. The results of the evaluation will only be available to me after grading.

1. PLEASE CHECK TO WHICH EXTENT YOU AGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS

	Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I liked the topic of the course		X			
I learnt a lot of new things	X				
It was too difficult			X		
There was enough opportunity to ask questions	X				
The workload was reasonable		X			

2. COURSE MATERIALS AND TOPICS ADDRESSED

- What was the most enjoyable topic?

Die historische Freiheit d. UdSSR, v. a. gegen Ende v. l. Regierung

- What was the most boring topic?

Es gibt keine langweiligen Themen in Geschichte

- What was the most difficult topic?

Transformation von Polen

- Which topics, if any, would you add to the seminar?

Nur haben wir die Kuba Krise nicht besprochen, ich denke dies ist ein sehr wichtiges Thema i.d. Geschichte d. UdSSR.

3. TEACHING AND FEEDBACK

- Please check how you experienced the following teaching tools

	Revealing	Instructive, and you might want to use them more	Less appropriate
Reading task and feedback		X	
Use of primary sources		X	
Individual presentations		X	
Division of class in different working groups			X
Discussion set-ups	X		

- How did you experience the explanations and comments that I gave during class?

Sie waren hilfreich, man wurde genau, was verlangt wurde.

- How did you experience the mid-term feedback on your assignments and remarks?

Dies Bewertungskriterien habe ich noch nie erlebt an dieser Universität, aber es ist ein Einblick in die >>

4. DO YOU STILL HAVE OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS?

Der ~~Titel~~ Haupttitel lautete "Geschichte d. Sowjetunion", doch wir haben mehr über andere Länder gesprochen (der Fokus lag auf Polen), was man anders konzipieren hätte können, beispielsweise war-

Thank you very much for your collaboration!

internationales Bewertungskriterien

de über Polen 3, od. 4. Defekte gehalten, über Albanien und Rumänien kein einwriges, Die LV war aber sehr gut und interessant gehalten, das Faktenwissen wurde gut vermittelt. Die Bewertungskriterien sind zwar eine gute Möglichkeit um Leistung zu betrachten, doch steht in Geschichte fast primär mit Interpretation (vgl. postmoderne Historiographie) zu tun, u. a. ist Geschichte den sog. "Geisteswissenschaften" zuzurechnen, womit ~~etwas~~ steht i. Mittelpunkt

die individuelle Betrachtung, es gibt keine
gesetzmäßigen Kriterien wie i. d. Naturwis-
sensschaften beispielsweise, doch dadurch erken-
nt man, dass hier die Bewertungskriterien
zur Bewertung ~~von~~ von historischen Arbeiten
nicht herangezogen werden müssen.